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Chairperson: Mr. Oshima ..... (Japan)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda (PBC/2/OC/2)

1. *The agenda was adopted.*

Adoption of the annual report of the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC/2/OC/L.1)

2. **The Chairperson** recalled that the Committee had reached agreement on the text of the provisional report on the work of the Peacebuilding Commission and decided that it would be formally adopted following its translation into all six official languages. The report had now been translated and was contained in PBC/2/OC/L.1.

3. He took it that the Committee wished to adopt the provisional report on the work of the Peacebuilding Commission.

4. *It was so decided.*

5. **Mr. Attiya** (Egypt) said that his delegation welcomed the pledge made by the new Chairperson at the Committee's previous meeting to continue the country-specific configuration processes and enhance the Commission's work on thematic issues. Attention also needed to be paid to the outstanding issues and recommendations reflected in the report, in particular: the development of working methods, including by establishing an expert group to review the current rules of procedure before the end of 2007, and by designing a process to articulate Commission recommendations; advocacy of the work of the Commission, in order to increase knowledge of its role, both within and outside the United Nations system; the need to ensure that the projects financed by the Peacebuilding Fund corresponded to the identified peacebuilding priority areas and had a catalytic impact on the ground, by devising appropriate monitoring and tracking mechanisms and initiating dialogue on the revision of the Fund's terms of reference, and, lastly, the need to work in close consultation with regional and subregional organizations to ensure their involvement in the peacebuilding process in accordance with Chapter VIII of the Charter.

6. Now that the provisional guidelines on the participation of civil society had been adopted, a list of potential civil society participants in formal meetings should be prepared and their representatives assisted in providing the information required in order to reach consensus on the list of participants, whether they participated in person or via video link. The Peacebuilding Support Office would need to prepare a database early on. In that regard, it might wish to draw on the experience of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, through consultation with that Committee's secretariat.

Other matters

7. **The Chairperson** informed the Committee that the Peacebuilding Support Office would be circulating shortly an updated calendar of meetings of the Commission for the period July-December 2007.

The meeting rose at 10.25 a.m.